



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

13-04

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EXPANDED RESTRICTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the snow from the February 8, 2013, storm continues to accumulate and blow across roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, additional significant accumulations of snow, high winds, and continued drifting snow are expected throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, consistent, coordinated and regional travel restrictions are necessary to prevent motorists from becoming stranded and to allow plows and public safety personnel to do their jobs; and

WHEREAS, public safety first responders, public works vehicles, and other essential personnel must be able to clear, access, and respond to emergent situations during the critical stages of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, in addition to state highways, local roadways currently present safety hazards and risks to the public until further notice.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, pursuant to the powers contained in Article 9 of the Rhode Island Constitution and the Rhode Island General Laws, including but not limited to Chapter 15 of Title 30, do hereby order as follows:

1. There shall be a restriction on motor vehicle travel for **ALL ROADS STATEWIDE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** and continuing until further notice. This travel restriction shall not apply to the following:
 - a. public safety vehicles and public safety workers, including contract personnel;

- b. public works vehicles and public works workers, including contract personnel;
- c. government officials conducting official business;
- d. utility company vehicles and utility workers;
- e. healthcare workers who must travel to and from work in order to provide essential health services;
- f. news media;
- g. travel necessary to maintain and deliver critical private sector services such as energy, fuel supplies and delivery, financial systems and the delivery of critical commodities; and
- h. travel to support business operations that provide critical services to the public, including gasoline stations, food stores and hardware stores.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

So Ordered:



Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor